

**MINUTES OF AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE
MESCAL-J6 FIRE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD
HELD WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, 2021 AT 6:30 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 1831 hours by Board Chair Mark Lee. Present at roll call were Board Members: Mark Lee, Mary Bowen, Phyllis Ellis and Robert Murray. Brian Murray absent

- Item 1: Apparatus Repair/Replacement and Financing: Board chair Lee explained that this meeting was called in order to discuss the available options related to the repair/replacement and financing of the 2011 Ford 550 Type 6 engine. Mr. Lee listed the particulars of the existing lease-purchase agreement for the vehicle and the requirement that the lease be paid before modifications could be made to the vehicle. He then listed several different options available to either repair the existing motor, replace the existing motor, remove the box and install it on a new or used chassis, or sell the vehicle as is. Chief Moran provided related documentation, including a copy of the lease purchase agreement, payment schedule, and a summary of the available options with a cost estimate. Discussion centered on staff's recommendation that the lease agreement be paid in full early, and using the resulting \$22,970.73 saved in interest to help offset the cost of replacing/repairing the vehicle, regardless of how that was accomplished. Mr. Lee added that he felt it was the District's responsibility to attempt to sell the vehicle and to determine a course of action if selling it proves futile. He added that the urgency of the meeting was due to the amount of interest compiling on a daily basis (\$7.04 each day) as well as the 20 day posting requirement if the determined course of action required a revision to this years budget. Mrs. Ellis voiced her displeasure and inquired as to why the information was not available to the board in advance. Chief Moran explained that the timing and nature of an emergency meeting dictates what is available to the board in advance, and that he had only finished compiling the info a couple of hours prior to the start of the meeting. Mrs. Ellis stated she would not vote on this issue as she had not had advance notice of the meeting, nor any time to conduct her own research Mr. Murray stated a desire to take more time to investigate the issue further. Mrs. Ellis moved the issue be tabled, second by Mr. Murray. Further discussion resulted in a decision to revisit the issue on December 1st. Motion carried 4-0.
- Item 2: Five Year Strategic Plan- Mr. Lee presented a draft copy of a Five-year Strategic Plan he prepared, using the existing Five-year plan as the basis. He added that his desire was to get the ball rolling in the event a budget revision was necessary, and that any board member is welcome to submit a version of their own, or use the existing plan as an example. Motion to table the issue until December 1st by Mary Bowen, second by Phyllis Ellis, motion carried 4-0.
- Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Mary Bowen, second by Phyllis Ellis, motion carried 4-0 and meeting adjourned at 1905 hours.